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TAFT FOR PRESIDENT.

The presidential election of next year is already agitating the American people and the star actors on the political stage at present are William H. Taft, some time Governor of the Philippine Islands and now Secretary of War in President Roosevelt's cabinet, and W. J. Bryan, leader of the Democratic party, and twice candidate for President. These gentlemen are now being kept by the politicians and newspapers in the public eye, and all sorts of political sentiment, passion, prejudices and self-interests, are being invoked in favor of one or the other candidate.

It is over a year to the next election for President. It is nine months to the probable date of the nominating conventions. Many changes may occur before either date and neither candidate may be accepted as the final choice of his party. The great question before the American people should be one of measures more than one of men and each locality should have the business sense to advocate the candidate most likely to advance its own interests, provided the safety of the nation is not involved. So far as present conditions are concerned, however, there is no danger from either party or any candidate now mentioned, to the republic. There are no questions or issues involved except business and moral questions of a domestic nature. Neither Taft, nor Bryan, Fairbanks nor Folk, Hughes nor Hoke Smith are likely to prove very radical. But the interests of the Pacific Coast demand certain business measures and policies which should cause its entire population to vote practically as one man.

The most important consideration for this coast is the Panama canal. The Pacific coast needs this great waterway and should favor the man whose record is most pronounced in its favor. The Pacific coast needs to have its long shore line properly protected and improved, and recognizes that its best interests in that respect would be subserved only by one who has been practically connected with Oriental questions. The Pacific coast needs the guiding hand of one who has been brought in close contact with naval, war and marine affairs connected with the Pacific. It also needs that shipping should be fostered and would have no business objection to giving encouragement to those who will add prestige to this section by advancing measures in that direction. The coast in common with most of the people of the United States, while it is not inclined to surrender the principle of protection to American industries, especially as it is confronted by the cheap labor of the Orient and developing competition in that quarter, believes in a revision of the tariff—but believes that revision should be made by the friends of protection. At present it seems beyond controversy that W. H. Taft, by virtue of his associations, his experience, his knowledge of this coast and Oriental questions, as a matter of good business selection, the most suitable standard bearer of the Republican party, and the one most likely to advance the interests of this coast without being unfair to any other section. Let us accept Taft, not merely as the administrator of the Roosevelt policy, but as the candidate who best understands this coast.

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

It is a great plank road which extends from Front street across the flats and over to Kittyville. Why are the unsuspecting inhabitants not protected by a railing from Marshfield center to the center of frailty, but guarded and protected by two beautiful rails beyond. Have not the city authorities made a mistake? Does not the logic

of the situation propose that the protection is needed on the Marshfield side and not beyond? Since it seems necessary that the most prominent and conspicuous place on the water front should be devoted to pit falls and folly, and that the city should thus prominently wear the scarlet letter, it is suggested that the rails be placed so one going from the city's hall to the city's fall, will not be in danger of walking into the bay. If he succeeds in getting by he is probably safe and doesn't need the rails.

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"Rockefeller is now considered the modern Croesus," added the Secretary, "but the lumber king of the future will far surpass him in riches. And why not? The forests of the West, through fires and the inroads of lumbermen, are disappearing year by year much more rapidly than they are growing. In the far Northwest the big trees are constantly being destroyed, and it takes 500 years to grow new ones. Thus many generations of men must come and go before we can replenish the virgin forests of a few years ago. During

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